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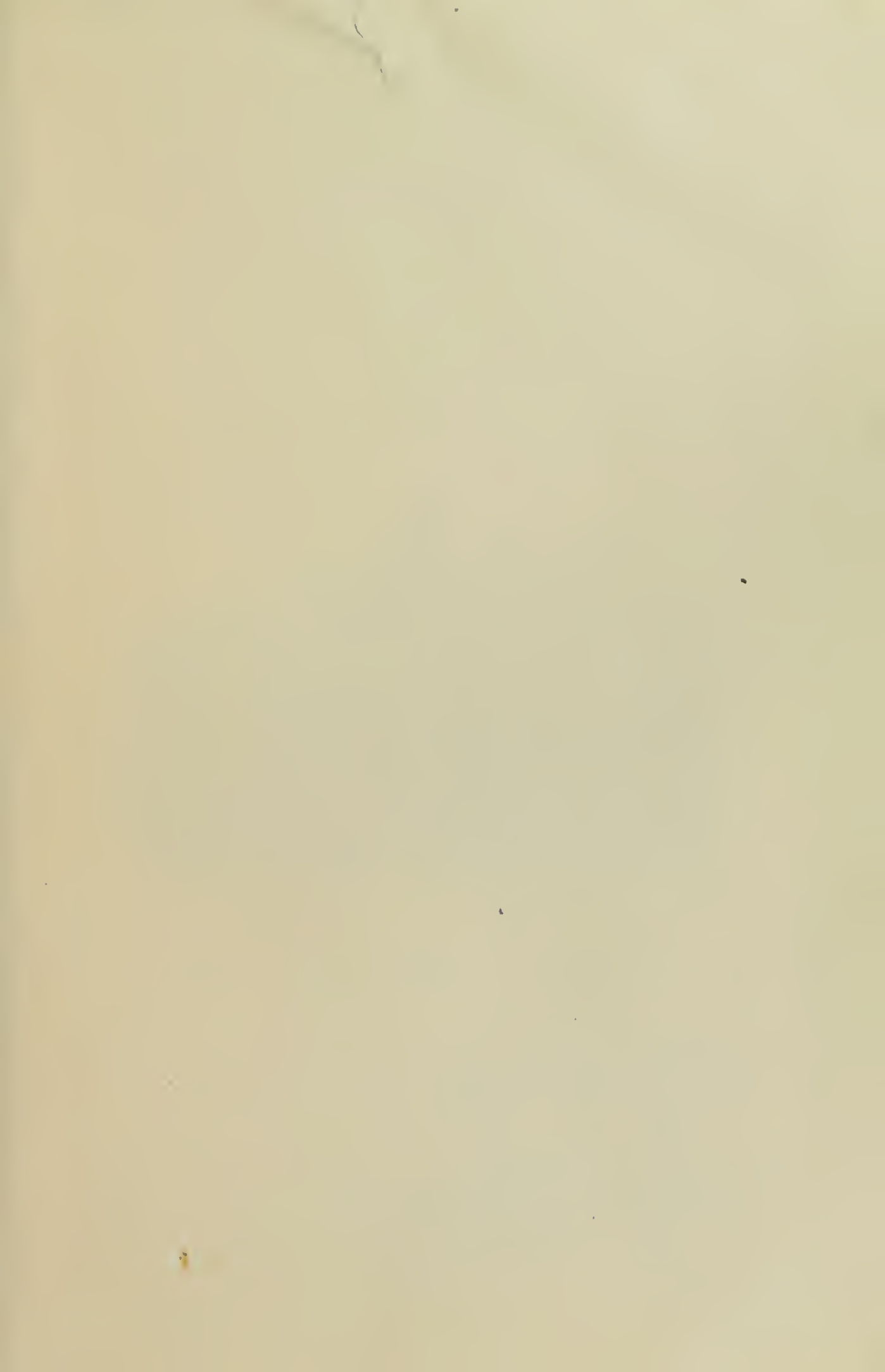


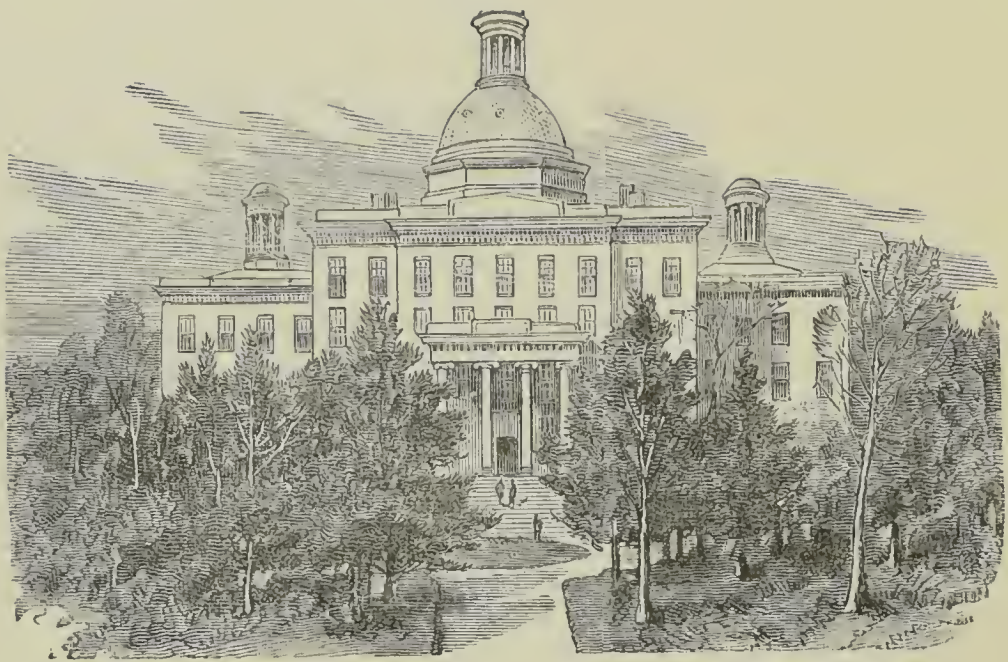
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind :*

GENTLEMEN : The number of pupils enrolled in the Institution records during the past year is eighty-one. Their names and residence are as follows :

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
AMANDA ANN ALEXANDER, . . . . .	Wayne county.
CHARLES BARON, . . . . .	Louisville.
JOHN BECKMAN, . . . . .	Louisville.
MATTHEW BLUETT, . . . . .	Newport.
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MARY ANN BUTTRUM, . . . . .	Edmonson county.
ANNA MAY CARLISLE, . . . . .	Henderson.
WILLIAM CARROLL, . . . . .	Louisville.
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JULIA CASEY, . . . . .	Shelby county.
SOPHIA CROMWELL, . . . . .	Henderson.
SAMUEL CORNET, . . . . .	Laurel county.
EMMA CUMMINS, . . . . .	Bracken county.
JOSIAH CUPPLES, . . . . .	Falmouth.
BENJAMIN M. DAY, . . . . .	Elizabethtown.
ELLA DOLAN, . . . . .	Louisville.
FRANK B. DOLLINS, . . . . .	Glasgow.
JOSEPH SIDNEY FRANKLIN, . . . . .	Hickman county.
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KATY HALL,	Owen county.
ANNIE HAMLIN,	Louisville.
LAWRENCE HAUSMAN,	Newport.
EDWARD HESS,	Louisville.
B. B. HOSKINS,	Boyle county.
JOSIE KERINS,	Jefferson county.
JAMES KUHN,	Louisville.
MAGGIE KISTNER,	Louisville.
MARY LANDISS,	Lexington.
JEFFERSON D. LEIP,	Hickman county.
THOMAS LEACHMAN LEWIS,	Louisville.
JOHN LONG,	Louisville.
JERRY LOYD,	Jefferson county.
NANCY E. MANNING,	Murray.
ALERA MANNING,	Murray.
MICHAEL MCCARTHY,	Louisville.
PAULINE MCCLURE,	Mt. Vernon.
BARBARA MCKINNEY,	Crab Orchard.
THOMAS MEDDIS,	Nelson county.
GEORGIA MILLER,	Mt. Vernon.
ROBERT H. MOODY, JR.,	Todd county.
FLORA MOORE,	Whitley county.
ANNA MORGAN,	Scott county.
LUCY MORGAN,	Scott county.
JAMES MURRAY,	Louisville.
DANIEL J. OSTEEN,	Christian county.
ALICE PARSONS,	Louisville.
CHARLES PURDY,	Daviess county.
SUSANNA ROBERTS,	Pulaski county.
MAX RUSHING,	Caldwell county.
JOSEPH RYAN,	Louisville.
LOUIS SCHAFER,	Louisville.
JANE SHERLEY,	Jefferson county.
CHARLES SILLIMAN,	Louisville.
ELISE SELKE,	Louisville.
STITES SHARRARD,	Louisville.
WM. SHOEFTALL,	Bracken county.
JAMES SIMS,	Hart county.
FANNY SMITH,	Ohio county.
FRANK SMITH,	Dayton.
CHARLES TAYLOR,	Morganfield.
CARLETON THOMPSON,	Graves county.
EMILE TREBING,	Louisville.
AMNEY TUCKER,	Oldham county.
JOANNA VARBLE,	Oldham county.
AGATHA WEAVER,	Lewis county.



IDA WEAVER, . . . . .	Lewis county.
NANNY WEMS, . . . . .	Lewis county.
WM. WHELAN, . . . . .	Louisville.
MARION WHEELER, . . . . .	Scott county.
HENRY WHITLOW, . . . . .	Hart county.
JAMES WHITTY, . . . . .	Louisville.
JOSEPH WILLIAMS, . . . . .	Muhlenburg county.
WALTER HALDEMAN WINTERSMITH, . . . . .	Louisville.



November 28, James Murray died of consumption. He entered the school in April, 1869, at the age of seven years. At the time of his death he had no known relatives living. His constitution was weak, and it is probable that but for the constant care bestowed upon him in the Institution, he would have sooner succumbed to the disease to which he seemed predisposed from his childhood.

During the month of May there were thirty cases of measles in the school. All of these recovered before the close of the session.

At the annual meeting of the Board of Visitors, in November, 1883, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That this Board deem it expedient, as well as just, that provision should be made by the State for the education of the blind colored children of this Commonwealth.

2. For this purpose they respectfully suggest that land be purchased, and a suitable building be erected for the use and accommodation of this class of pupils, separate and apart from the premises now occupied by the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind.

3. That the foregoing resolutions be embodied in the Annual Report of this Board, and the attention of His Excellency, the Governor of the Commonwealth, and of the Legislature be respectfully called to this subject.

In accordance with these resolutions action was taken; and when the Legislature met, the Hon. W. F. Bullock drew up a bill on behalf of the Board of Visitors, which was introduced into the House of Representatives by Hon. W. L. Jackson, Jr., and appropriately referred. Judge Bullock went before the Committee of the House and Senate, and set forth the nature of the bill. The result was the passage of the bill through the House, with but one dissentient vote, and its unanimous approval by the Senate. The following is a text of the bill:

## CHAPTER 462.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled an act establishing an Institution for the Education of the Blind of Kentucky. Approved the fifth of February, Eighteen Hundred and Forty-two.

WHEREAS, It is expedient, as well as just, to make adequate

and suitable provision for the colored blind children of this Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, By reason of physical infirmity and the helpless condition of the blind of both races, resulting from the loss of sight, a separate provision should be made for each race, and

WHEREAS, Wise economy and due efficiency require that the education of both races should be under the sole management of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, therefore,

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

§ 1. That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to erect a suitable building, or buildings, for the purpose aforesaid, separate and apart from the premises now occupied by the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, to be used for, and devoted to the sole and exclusive occupation of the colored blind children of this Commonwealth. *Provided*, That the sum hereby appropriated shall be paid in four equal installments of five thousand dollars each, in the following manner and as hereinafter provided, to-wit: Five thousand dollars when the building, or buildings, provided for in this section shall be in the process of erection, of which fact the Treasurer shall be duly notified by the said Board of Trustees in writing, signed by the President and Secretary; and five thousand dollars quarterly, thereafter, except the last payment, which shall be retained by the Treasurer until the said building, or buildings, shall have been completed, and accepted and received by the said Board of Trustees, and said Treasurer is duly notified aforesaid of said fact.

§ 2. The blind children aforesaid, when such buildings shall have been erected, shall be entitled to receive on equal terms their due proportion, according to numbers, all rights, benefits, and privileges secured to the white blind children of this Commonwealth by the act establishing the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, and all subsequent enactments in relation thereto; *Provided, however*, That the blind children of both races shall be under the same general management and

under one and the same Superintendent, who, with all other officers of said Institution, shall be elected by and subject in all respects to the supervision and control of the Board of Trustees of said Institution, as heretofore provided by law.

§ 3. The Board of Trustees, aforesaid, are hereby authorized and empowered, if deemed expedient, to purchase additional land to carry into effect the purpose of this act, taking the title thereto to the Commonwealth of Kentucky by deed with general warranty. *Provided, however,* That if any part of the said sum hereby appropriated shall be used for that purpose, a sufficient amount thereof shall be retained for the erection of the building or buildings aforesaid.

§ 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

This act was approved by Governor Knott March 27th, and became a law.

Eight acres of land adjoining the land now held in trust for the State was purchased. Mr. Charles J. Clarke was employed to draw the plans and specifications for the building for the colored blind. When these were completed they were submitted to the Senate Committee on Charitable Institutions, and by them approved. The work was begun July 12th, and the building is now under roof. It will be ready for teaching purposes, in all probability, by next September.

The Hon. A. A. Stoll introduced in the House of Representatives the following joint resolution which passed both houses and was approved by the Governor February 29, 1884 :

*Resolved,* By the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky :

That the Trustees of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind be, and they are hereby directed and empowered to cause a fire-cistern to be built upon the grounds of said Institution not more than thirty feet from Frankfort Avenue, and the principal entrance to said Institution—said fire-cistern to have a capacity of not less than six hundred barrels, and to be built and walled with the best material, and to be connected with the supply-pipes of the Louisville Water Company and supplied therefrom.



But before ordering said work, the Trustees shall advertise for bids, at least ten days, in some daily newspaper, and the contract for building the same shall be awarded to the lowest and best bidder who shall give a good and sufficient bond, to be approved by said Trustees, for the faithful performance of his contract.

After the work is completed, and fully tested and accepted by said Trustees, they shall certify the cost of the same to the Auditor of the State of Kentucky, who shall draw his warrant upon the Treasurer for the sum named in favor of the person named in the certificate of said Trustees, and same shall be paid by the Treasurer out of any fund not otherwise appropriated. Said cistern, after its completion, shall be supervised in the same manner as other fire-cisterns are now supervised in Louisville, Kentucky, and the cost of supplying the same shall be paid by the city of Louisville, in the same manner as like cisterns now paid by the said city, and the pipe connections are to be supervised in like manner.

The terms of the resolution have been complied with, so far as the progress of the work has permitted, and the cistern is in due process of construction.

The annual summary of receipts and expenditures is as follows :

Balance on hand Nov. 1st, 1883 .....	\$7,126 26
Quarterly allowance .....	2,447 55
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Annual allowance .....	9,990 00
Quarterly allowance in part .....	1,248 75
Quarterly allowance in part with previous balance due	2,997 00
Receipts from workshop .....	561 00
Miscellaneous receipts .....	40 75
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Total receipts .....	26,858 86
Total amounts of warrants issued .....	26,255 94
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Balance on hand Nov. 1st, 1884 .....	\$602 92

There has no money been received from the State on account of the appropriation for building the colored school, but the work has gone on in the expectation that the finances of the State would be in a condition to permit the Treasurer to pay the money; and an indebtedness has therefore been incurred of nine thousand five hundred and seven dollars.

The regular school work has progressed satisfactorily. The teachers have been earnest in the discharge of their duties, the servants have been faithful, and the pupils have done as well as children usually do. The education of the blind is necessarily a work of slow and laborious progress; the foundation has to be laid with great care, and frequently tested for practical results. To make a totally blind child acquainted with the world around him, as known by the seeing, when his own consciousness is shut off from all impressions received by the eye, is no easy task. The problem is one that is receiving practical attention in twenty-nine different States; and every two years the teachers in these schools for the blind meet to consult for the interests of the blind. Such a meeting was held in St. Louis last August, at the Missouri Institution for the Blind. The session continued three days, and subjects relating to the education of the blind were most profitably discussed. The officers of the Missouri Institution were eminently successful in their efforts to secure the comfort and pleasure of their many guests.

In the great educational display made at Madison, Wisconsin, last July, the work of the little blind pupils in the kindergarten department of the Kentucky Institute for the Blind attracted much attention. The work of the blind in this display made by three Institutions received special mention in the report made by some of the most eminent educators in the land.

In carrying on the work during the past year, the following named persons have been employed:

A superintendent, B. B. Huntoon, with a salary of \$125 a month.

A matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Huntoon, with a salary of \$33½ a month.

A teacher, Miss Nina Grist, with a salary of \$30 a month.



A teacher, Miss Josephine Hill, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher, Miss Julia Purnell, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher of sewing, Miss Mary Reilly, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher of handicraft, D. Lasch, with a salary of \$50 a month.

A teacher of music, Charles Frederick, with a salary of \$100 a month.

A teacher of music, Mrs. E. Y. Parsons, with a salary of \$24 a month.

A kindergarten teacher, Miss Eleanor Beebe, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A music reader, Mrs. Neppie Frederick, with a salary of \$25 a month.

An assistant pupil teacher, Nannie P. Brown, with a salary of \$15 a month.

An assistant pupil teacher, Barbara McKinney, with a salary of \$5 a month.

A gardener and engineer, Thos. Lucas, with a salary of \$55 a month.

A fireman and assistant gardener, Alex. Lucas, with a salary of \$21 a month.

An assistant fireman, James Whitty, with a salary of \$4 a month.

A cook, Hannah Murphy, with a salary of \$18 a month.

An assistant cook, Kate Burke, with a salary of \$14 a month.

A laundress, Bridget Curry, with a salary of \$14 a month.

A laundress, Mary Curry, with a salary of \$14 a month.

A chambermaid, Kate Henley, with a salary of \$14 a month.

A chambermaid, Annie Kelley, with a salary of \$14 a month.

An assistant chambermaid, Annie Fahy, with a salary of \$12 a month.

A dining-room girl, Bridget Cain, with a salary of \$14 a month.

An assistant dining-room girl, Annie Cain, with a salary of \$12 a month.

All the teachers and assistant pupils, except the teacher of

sewing and handicraft, are employed for but ten months of the year ; the others are employed for the full year.

The publishers of the Daily Louisville Courier-Journal, the Musical Record, the Christian Standard, the Kentucky Deaf Mute, The Index, The Goodson Gazette, and The Mutes' Companion, have furnished copies of their periodicals regularly and gratuitously to the school, and the pupils have listened to their contents with much pleasure and profit.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. B. HUNTOON, *Superintendent.*

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDING AND SUPPLIES.

*To the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind :*

GENTLEMEN : Your Committee would respectfully report, that during the past year they have supervised as usual the purchase of supplies for the Institution, and have regularly transmitted a monthly statement of their accounts to the Governor of the Commonwealth. A summary of these statements is herewith appended.

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*Expenditures for the year ending October 1st, 1884.*

	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MARCH.	APRIL.	MAY.	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	TOTAL.
Pay-Roll, { Salaries.....	544 35	533 35	532 35	535 35	535 35	532 35	535 35	890 35	238 35	238 35	238 35	529 35	5883 20
{ Wages.....	205 35	210 00	205 00	205 00	250 00	205 06	215 00	201 50	235 00	215 00	215 00	206 00	2567 50
Dry goods and clothing.....	35 22	340 65	35 60	10 70	20 95	29 70	56 66	47 95	10 40	96 84	27 38	21 75	733 80
Groceries.....	269 55	281 18	246 70	230 22	253 15	217 64	257 00	198 80	156 45	93 80	86 55	189 35	2480 39
Breadstuffs.....		97 50		97 50		97 50	24 70	97 50					78 75
Meats, fowls, fish, and game.....	130 65	160 34	167 25	169 75	160 95	157 92	152 40	163 87	123 07	48 78	54 26	90 55	492 45
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice..	121 18	86 65	88 95	79 75	70 65	85 60	80 00	103 90	90 45	18 60	22 40	77 75	1579 79
Spirituous liquors.....													925 88
Drugs, medicines and professional services.....		18 00	49 95	47 97					122 15				238 07
Confectioneries.....								15 00					15 00
Fuel and lights.....	15 50	12 14	14 19		22 05		82 30	24 30	1086 54		1 08	14 22	1272 32
Amusements.....					10 00								10 00
Buildings and repairs.....	64 95	69 75	76 15	68 55	51 35	4708 14	207 86	542 20	78 60	48 50	276 55	877 12	7269 70
Household and kitchen furniture..	209 25	62 63	25 50	58 00		41 10	9 88	11 00	43 65		22 17	211 18	694 36
Laundry.....						94 50							94 50
Vehicles, tools, and implements for the farm and garden.....		11 70				210 00							221 70
Expenses on live stock.....	7 15						9 25		2 40			7 50	26 30
Labor not included in pay-roll....	16 70						42 75	51 25	30 40	5 90	5 50	36 50	189 00
Books and stationery.....		10 71	36 95	8 23	70 70	13 00	15 58		16 10			6 80	138 07
Product of the farm and garden..					7 10				15 00				22 10
Postage and traveling expenses...	20 00				26 03	171 80	15 40	12 75	124 10	32 55	37 55	15 60	455 78
Materials for workshop.....	45 47	222 81	74 11	33 25	59 10	44 55	47 78	72 67		7 00	51 00	138 34	796 08
Tuning and repairing musical instruments.....	5 15	15 50	7 00		19 00		10 75	4 50	31 81		31 00	18 25	142 96
Water rent.....			93 25						93 25				186 50
Funeral expenses.....		29 50											29 50
Total.....	\$1690 12	\$2162 41	\$1652 95	\$1544 27	\$1516 38	\$6608 80	\$1762 66	\$2437 54	\$2497 72	\$805 32	\$1068 79	\$2519 01	\$26265 97

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## TERMS OF ADMISSION.

In respect to the forms to go through to secure the admission of a child to the Kentucky Institute for the Blind, it is only required that the child be of so defective vision as to be unable to get an education in the ordinary schools ; that it be of good health and sound mind, and within the ages of six and eighteen; for it must be remembered that the Institution is neither a hospital nor an asylum. If the child is destitute, the fact should be so certified by the County Judge, and in that case, clothing will be provided.

The school session begins on the second Tuesday of September, and closes on the third Wednesday of June. Pupils will be admitted at any time, but they are much benefited by beginning promptly at the first of the session.

Blind persons over eighteen years of age will be admitted only upon special conditions.

If fuller information is desired, it may be had from the Superintendent, or from any of the Trustees, who will cheerfully correspond with any person wishing to place a blind child in the Institution.





